मध्य प्रदेश में "वाटर शैड एंड फार्मिंग डेवलपमेन्ट सेन्टर" की स्थापना

2148. **श्री शिव प्रसाद चनपुरिया** : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या देश में सबसे अधिक जल-ग्रहण क्षेत्र के आधार पर मध्य प्रदेश में "नेशनल वाटर शैड डेवलपमेंट एरिया स्कीम" के अन्तर्गत "इंडियन मेनेजमेंट फार वाटर शैड एण्ड फार्मिंग सिस्टम डेवलपमेंट सेन्टर" की स्थापना का कोई प्रस्ताव विचाराधीन है ;

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो मध्य प्रदेश में उक्त सेन्टर की स्थापना कब तक और किस स्थान पर कर दिये जाने की संभावना है ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अरविन्द नेताम) : (क) से (ग) जी, नहीं । वर्षापोषित क्षेत्रों के लिए राष्ट्रीय पनधारा विकास परियोजना के तहत ऐसा कोई प्रस्ताव विचाराधीन नहीं है; तथापि, यू०एन०डी०पी० की सहायता से "कम्यूनिटी बेस्ट प्रोग्राम फार सस्टेनेबल फार्मिंग सिस्टम्स इन फ्रेजाइल वाटरशेड" नामक एक बृहत परियोजना में एक प्रबंध केन्द्र की स्थापना करना शामिल किया गया है। इस परियोजना पर विचार किया जा रहा है।

Support Prices for Rabi Crops

2149. SHRI IQBAL SINGH:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government could not announce the support prices for rabi crops before the sowing season began and even months after when the sowing of rabi crops was completed;

(b) if so, what are the details and reasons thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that delay in the announcement of support rabi prices has resulted in less cultivation of wheat by the farmers;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) what remedial action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINSTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) The Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) submitted its Report on 24.7.92 on Price Policy for Rabi Crops of 1992-93 to be marketed in 1993-94 Season. Subsequently, in view of the revision in the prices of fertilisers the Commission forwarded a Supplementary Report on 3.9.1992. After considering the views of State Government, concerned Central Ministries and other relevant factors the Government announced the Price Policy for Rabi Crops of 1992-93 on 7.1.1993.

(c) to (e) The latest advance estimates of area and production of Wheat during 1992-93 incidate an improvement over 1991-92.

Delhi Milk Scheme

2150. SHRI M. A. BABY:
SHRI ASHIS SEN:
SHRI RAMNARYAN GOSWAMI:
SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for DMS to procure its products from contractors instead of from milk federations of adjoining states and from co-operative of Delhi;

(b) what are norms of such procurement and

(c) at what level the decision to procure from contractors were taken with reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) No products like Skimmed Milk Poder, Butter Oil and White Butter are being procured from contractors. Only raw milk is being procured from them Raw milk is being procured from State Cooperative Federations of adjoining States, viz., Punjab, Rajasthan, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh, local Cooperative Societies of Delhi and contractors Procurement of milk from contractors become necessary after local Cooperative Societies suddenly stopped supply of milk to DMS in 1991. It was considered essential to broadbase the sources of procurement of milk so that sale of milk to public of suppliers.

(b) Upto 50 per cent of the requirement of milk by DMS is procured from State Cooperative Federations and local Cooperative Societies after negotiating rates of supply with them and upto remaining 50 per cent of milk is procured from the private contractors on the basis of annual contracts after inviting open tenders.

(c) The Government took the decision to procure a part of the requirements of milk from contractors.

Challenges to Agriculture

2151. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the various challenges faced by Agriculture in the State of Madhya Pradesh at present;

(b) whether Government have any scheme to overcome these challenges;

(c) if so the details thereof;

(d) whether those schemes are going to be implemented during Eighth Plan; and

(e) if so, the salient features of these schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Some of the major challenges faced by Agriculture in Madhya Pradesh are dependance on rainfall, low coverage under high yielding varieties/hybrids, low consumption of fertilisers and micro-nutrients deficiencies

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Government of India is implementing a number of Central Sector/Centrally Sponsored Schemes for increasing agricultural production in Madhya Pradesh:

1. Integrated Programme for Rice Development (IPRD).

2. Special Foodgrains Production Programme—Wheat.

3. Special Foodgrains Production Programme—Maize and Millets.

4. Intensive Cotton Development Programme.

5. Special Foodgrains Production Programme—Pulses.

6. National Pulses Development Project.

7. Oilseeds Production Programme.

8. National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas.

9. Balanced and Integrated use of Fertilizers.

10. Soil Conservation in the Catchment of River Valley Projects.

11. Integrated Watershed Management in the Catchment of Flood Prone River—Sone.

(d) These schemes are likely to be continued during the 8th Five Year Plan.

(e) Under these schemes incentives are being provided to the farmers for